This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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4.   (currently amended)   A portable computer comprising:

a frame which can be grasped by a user's hand;

a touch panel formed on the upper surface of the frame;

detection means for detecting specification of a predetermined area on the touch panel in the vicinity of a region where a user's thumb is positioned when he/she grasps the portable computer;

selection means for selecting a ~~graphic~~ processing mode corresponding to the predetermined area while the predetermined area is specified according to a detection output of the detection means; and

execution means for executing a ~~graphic~~ processing in the ~~graphic~~ processing mode according to another point specification on the touch panel.

5.   (currently amended)   The portable computer as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the ~~graphic~~ processing mode performs at least one of enlargement, reduction, and rotation.

6.   (original)   A portable computer comprising:

a frame which can be grasped by a user's hand;

a touch panel formed on the upper surface of the frame;

detection means for detecting specification of a predetermined area on the touch panel in the vicinity of a region where a user's thumb is positioned when he/she grasps the portable computer;

display means for displaying a plurality of selection items on the touch panel according to a detection output from the detection means while the predetermined area is specified; and

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execution means for executing a processing corresponding to a selection item specified while the predetermined area is specified and the selection item is specified on the touch panel.

7.   (original)   A portable computer comprising:

a frame which can be grasped by a user's hand;

a touch panel formed on the upper surface of the frame;

detection means for detecting specification of a predetermined area on the touch panel in the vicinity of a region where a user's thumb is positioned when he/she grasps the portable computer;

interpretation means for interpreting another point specification on the touch panel in a corresponding interpretation mode according to a detection output from the detection means while the predetermined area is specified; and

execution means for executing a predetermined processing according to a result of the interpretation.

8.   (original)   A coordinate position input apparatus comprising:

a touch panel for outputting a coordinate data of a middle point when two points are simultaneously touched;

storage means for retaining coordinate position of the two points detected previously;

detection means for detecting a coordinate position of a current middle point; and

calculation means for calculating a coordinate of one of the two touch points assumed to be a moving point by subtracting a coordinate position of a previous fixed point from a current middle point coordinate multiplied by 2.

9.   (original)   The coordinate input apparatus as claimed in Claim 8, wherein when a second point is touched while a first point is touched, the touch point of the second point is calculated according to a current middle point coordinate position and a previous first point touch position coordinate position.

10.   (new) A portable information processing apparatus comprising:

a touch-sensitive display panel;

means for detecting a first touch point on the touch-sensitive display panel wherein the first touch point determines execution of a first process; and

means for detecting a second touch point on the touch-sensitive display panel if the first touch point remains indicated on the touch-sensitive display panel when the second touch point is indicated wherein the second touch point determines execution of a second process where execution of the second process is dependent on execution of the first process.

11.   (new) The portable information processing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the first process relates to moving a predetermined object along a trace associated with the first touch point.

12.   (new) The portable information processing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the second process performs at least one enlargement, reduction, and rotation.

13.   (new) The portable information processing apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the first process comprises shifting from a first operation mode to a second operation mode.

14.   (new) The portable information processing apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the second process comprises an operation indicated on the touch-sensitive display panel as a result of execution of the first operation mode to a second operation mode.

15.   (new) Method for operating a portable information processing apparatus wherein the portable information processing apparatus includes a touch-sensitive display panel, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first touch point on the touch-sensitive display panel wherein the first touch point determines execution of a first process; and

detecting a second touch point on the touch-sensitive display panel if the first touch point remains indicated on the touch-sensitive display panel when the second touch point is indicated

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wherein the second touch point determines execution of a second process where execution of the second process is dependent on execution of the first process.

16.   (new) The method of Claim 15, wherein the first process comprises shifting from a first operation mode to a second operation mode.

17.   (new) The method of Claim 16, wherein the second process comprises an operation indicated on the display panel as a result of execution of the first operation mode to a second operation mode.